North Stainley C of E Primary School

Date: 20/10/23





We have had a quiet couple of weeks in school following what has been an extremely busy start to the school year. As we approach the half term holidays the children are working hard on their learning. They are finishing off a number of units of work including Geography. They are also completing a writing assessment, assessments in reading, maths and EGPS. It was also JAM this week, thank you Mrs Mansell and team this is always a firm favorite. (see pictures in the following pages.)

Next half term is always such a delightful half term as we have the run up to Christmas. Following the success of last years Christmas Entrepreneur Challenge, we now have plans, with FONSS, to run this again. All produce will be sold at the Christmas Fair on the 2nd of December. We will be planning, marketing and making our products in school but may require some parental support with some aspects of this in November. We will be in touch!

In this edition of the school news letter you will find information around after school activity clubs next half term, please let Mrs Flintoft know if you would like you child to take part in these clubs.

We will be marking Remembrance Day on the 10th of November with the school marking this day with a minutes silence and a short poem in St Mary's Church. Poppies and other merchandise will be on sale the week before.

Children in Need Spotacular and cake bake will be on Friday the 17th of November. The spottier the child and the spottier the cakes the better. This will also coincide with Anti Bullying Week, this year we will be using Anti bullying week to work on discrimination and learning about the impact this has on people who are discriminated against. This will of course be age appropriate.

Please find here some initial dates for Christmas events, .

Read on to find out what has been happening in and around school.



"our values are like roots holding us firm."

"dig deeper for stronger roots.."

Diary Dates Autumn Half term 2

- Fri 27th October Break up for half term
- Mon 6th November Autumn half term 2 begins
- Friday 10th November Marking Remembrance Day
- Wed 15th November Class 1 Forest school
- Friday 17th November Children In Need SPOTacular and cake bake.
- Wed 22nd November Class 2 Forest School
- Tuesday 28th November KS2 Entrepreneur making day
- Wed 29th November Class 3 Forest school
- Saturday 2nd December School Christmas Fair
- Wed 6th of December Class 1 Forest school
- Wed 13th December Class 2 Forest school
- Wednesday 13th December Class 1 Nativity and KS2 Christmas performance afternoon and evening performance.
- Friday 15th December School Christmas Jumper day and Christmas Lunch
- Tuesday 19th December Class Christmas-Parties
- Thursday 21st December 2.30pm School closes for Christmas Holidays

Purple Ribbons: Were awarded to

13th September: Elizabeth, Daniel, Henry M, Arran, Freddie, George and Beatrice.

20th October: Isla, Harvey, Abigail, Rafferty, Esme S, William.

Very well done to all of you for working hard to achieve this award!



Please see class webpages for certificates.

The Vision Award :

Was awarded to Harvey on the 13th October. Harvey received this very special and well deserved award for helping his maths partner to really enjoy her maths by supporting her in her learning and in the maths games they played.





House points so far this term:

Snapdragons: 126



Poppies: 182



Clover: 155



Sunflowers: 160



JAM (Jesus And Me)

Thinking about friendship and loyalty through arts, crafts and games, the children had a great time and even made this friendship wreath to display in school.











Class 3

Class 3 have been busy working on our geography topic of climate change. It has been interesting looking into the impact on various living things. We found out it even impacts on our human rights! Therefore, we are now thinking about what we can do to make a difference in the future.

In science this week we carried out an investigation on our heart rates. We measured our heart rate before and after exercise. It made us realise the importance of keeping healthy and we have looked at various different ways of doing this.

We have completed some super reading and writing activities this week based on our class book, **Letters from the Lighthouse**. We are still really enjoying this, as we near the end; we have even started a piece of spontaneous art work.



Resilience



On a different note, Tom and Charlie led our Collective Worship on Tuesday and presented it beautifully. It was all about resilience using as an example, the Atlantic salmons journey from the sea up the rivers to the stream from which they were spawned.

Class 2

Class 2 have started our Geography block of work and have been using topographical maps to find out about the mountains and rivers of the different countries of the UK. The children have also been finishing off our History topic by completing non-chronological reports about King Alfred the Great and Sutton Hoo (a burial site of an Anglo-Saxon King). This piece of work has taken a number of weeks. The children did some research, made notes, planned their reports and wrote a first draft. They then edited their work, and made a final copy in their best handwriting. They have produced some super work of a very high standard.

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Class One

We have been investigating the seasons and focusing on the current season of Autumn. We have researched what signs there are to spot during Autumn; we have discussed different festivals and the special times that happen in Autumn. We now know what happens to the trees and even what the animals do to prepare for Winter. The whole class went on an Autumn hunt and of course we couldn't miss our firm favourite... we went conker picking! Many creation have been made from the conkers that we have collected!

We have also been looking at Road Safety in PSHE and how we can be sensible out and about near to roads. We have talked about why roads can be dangerous; that we should always use a crossing if one is available, and we should always STOP, LOOK and LISTEN before crossing. We went to various parts of the village to put these strategies into practise!

In Music Class One have been looking at pitch and talking about high notes and low notes. You can see them working together in the picture using a group band!

Nursery and Reception have been looking at Nursery Rhymes this week and decided to make the different characters from different rhymes using the playdough and tools. Incy Wincy has been a firm favourite- especially for his resilience!







